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a control device of a switchgear drive, the control device being one of an open-loop control device and a closed-loop control device, wherein after a switching command, the control device does not affect an output quantity for controlling the coil until at least one predefined threshold value of the actual values of the drive-specific switching parameters is attained, the output quantity being a coil current, the drive-specific switching parameters being variable during a switching operation and including at least one of a contact speed, a contact path and a flux.

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6. (Amended) The solenoid system according to claim 5, wherein after the switching command, the control device does not affect the output quantity until the contact speed of the drive-specific switching parameters is attained.

7. (Amended) The solenoid system according to claim 5, wherein the at least one predefined threshold value is settable.

#### R E M A R K S

Applicants thank the Examiner for the first complete examination of the above-identified application. Claims 5-7 are currently pending in the instant application, and have been amended. Claim 5 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.